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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM: [REDACTED] DDI/ALA/MCD/CA

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SUBJECT: Congressional Briefing

1. [REDACTED], ALA analysts on Central America briefed Congressmen Michael Barnes and Robert Lagomarsino and staffers Vic Johnson, Rob Kurz, and Jake Dunman on 30 May 1984. The briefing was fairly informal with the analysts responding to specific questions on recent events in El Salvador, Panama, and Honduras.

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2. [REDACTED] analyzed the outcome of the recent elections in El Salvador and discussed prospects for the new government. The Congressmen were interested in the status of death squad activity and the extent to which the Salvadoran military has implemented reforms. [REDACTED] also provided information on guerrilla plans for a fall offensive and signs of growing insurgent disunity. [REDACTED] addressed the Congressmen's concerns about the degree of fraud in the recent Panamanian elections and other instances of official corruption. In addition, he discussed the implications of the elections and the degree of authority that President-elect Barletta will exercise in respect to Defense Forces Commander Noriega. [REDACTED] briefly reviewed the events which led to the recent Honduran military command changes and described the likely impact of the changes on Honduran support for US regional policies, particularly in regard to the Nicaraguan insurgency. [REDACTED] followed up the last topic and concluded the briefing by responding to a few questions on the unity talks between the various Nicaraguan insurgent groups.

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3. The meeting was cordial, and no followup is expected.

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